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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: LEBANESE ARMS CONTROL

REF: STATE 006146

1. WE WELCOME ACTION OUTLINED REFTTEL. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT THERE IS NO REPEAT NO MENTION OF SPAIN AND PORTUGAL WE DO NOT BELIEVE PORTUGAL IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT BUT IT MIGHT BE USED AS A TRANSHIPMENT POINT, AS APPEARED TO BE THE CASE OF THE SUBMACHINE GUNS FROM AUSTRIA (WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS SHIPMENT HAS NOW BEEN BLOCKED BY AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES.)

2. SPAIN, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS IMPORTANT FOR SHIPMENT OF AMMUNITION AND SOME ARMS, TO THE CHRISTIANS AND ALSO TO THE PALESTINIANS. THE SPERANZA FIRM IN BILBAO

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WILL SELL TO ANYONE AND WE CANNOT HELP BUT NOT THAT

FORMER LEBANESE ARMY G-2 DEPUTY, COLONEL LAHOUD, WHO HAS
BEEN PARDONED,
NEVERTHELESS STILL SPENDS MOST OF HIS TIME IN MADRID.
WE KNOW HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN SOME ARMS PROCUREMENT
FOR CHAMOUN BUT WE ARE NOT CERTAIN AS TO OTHER ACTIVITIES.
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